

FISCAL NOTE

HB 441 - SB 316

March 16, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to accept pretrial detainees for mental evaluation within 10 days of a court order.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- Current capacity designated for use for forensic examinations at the Regional Mental Health Centers operates at 95% of capacity according to DMHDD. Accepting more patients at the centers would displace current patients. The cost of pretrial detainees is 100% state funding while other patients are usually funded by TennCare partners.
- TennCare expenditures are approximately 65% Federal funding. Displacing TennCare patients with local pre-trial detainees would reduce Federal revenue and increase state expenditures. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- Moving pre-trial detainees to state facilities will reduce local government expenditures. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director